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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2000-126124 published May 9, 2000 together with partial English language translation and abstract; and
2. Partial English translation only of Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2001-46326.

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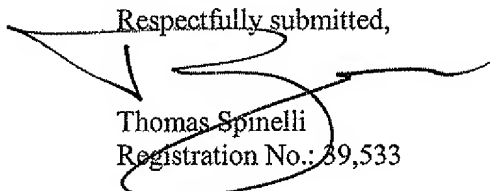

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The above reference was cited in a Japanese Office Action dated February 5, 2008, a copy of which is enclosed. Applicants are submitting a copy of the above reference, together with a translation of the Examiner's comments regarding all of the references from the Official Action. Please note that the other reference cited in the Office Action, namely, Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2001-46326 published February 20, 2001 was previously submitted in applicants' Information Disclosure Statement dated October 24, 2003.

In compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3), as a concise statement of relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, the undersigned attorney of record submits a translation of portions of an official action by a foreign examiner in which the references were cited. The relevance to the pending U.S. patent application is that the references were cited in a foreign patent application on the same subject matter. However, no independent analysis of the references, the accuracy of the statement of the foreign examiner or the claims of the foreign application under the laws of that country or the United States relative to the subject matter claimed in the present application has been made; the present understanding of the contents thereof by the undersigned being based on the translation of the foreign examiner's comments submitted herewith.

Inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in accordance with the schedule set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no statement or fee is required.

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